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BATMAN™ The Video Game!

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Dear SUNSOFT,

I was looking at the March/April issue of Nintendo Power, when I saw that SUNSOFT was designing a BATMAN cartridge. Is this true? If it is, I'm going to freak out!

Yours truly,
Josh Roberts
Monroe, Louisiana

Yes, it IS true! Before long, the BATMAN™ video game will appear on screens everywhere.

It's the 200th anniversary of Gotham City and its citizens are planning a huge celebration, but there is not much to

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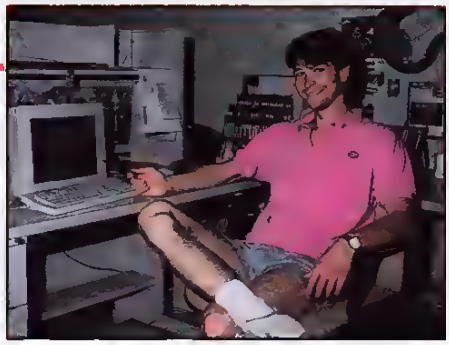
SunPeople

Name: Todd Papaleo
Occupation: Video/Computer Artist
Age: 23



Q. Your job title sounds like a complex one. Is it?

A. Yes and no. As far as the creative end of it goes, I have no problem coming up with interesting heroes and enemies and equipment. However, there's a lot more that goes into doing game graphics. For instance, I have to know the computer's capacity and all of the "rules" of graphic display. I just can't go ahead and draw whatever I feel — the art has to conform to certain "boundaries" so it can be processed by the computer program and displayed on the monitor screen. Howard Shere has been a great help with all that technical stuff. I lost my mind a few times.

Q. So, are you saying you've never done computer graphics before working for Sunsoft?

A. No, I haven't. I went to college as an English major, with a minor in rock and roll (ha! ha!). Art is something I've been able to do all my life. I figured while I was in school, I'd try to develop myself in as many creative ways as possible. I mean, knowing one thing is good, but variety is where it's at for me. But everybody's always said I'd end up doing art for a living and well, here I am!

Q. In what games can we see your work?

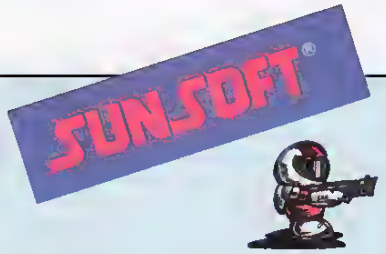
A. Zero, none, nada — for now. See, I was hired in late October, at the start of a Sunsoft arcade-game project. I haven't had a chance to publicly prove myself. You'll have to hang loose till sometime in November or December, when we finally unveil our masterpiece.

Q. We? Who else do you work with on the project?

A. Well, Howard's handling the programming end, then, there's myself doing the characters, explosions, etc., and another artist (Stan Fukuoka) handles all the background art, like the terrain and battlefields. This game would be totally impossible if we didn't like each other!

Q. Best of luck to you and your team.

A. Like, thanks . . . ■



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BATMAN - The Video Game

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celebrate. Crime and violence rule the city.

JOKER™, the leader of the underworld, has released DDID Nerve Gas on the city. No hope is in sight — but wait! Can it be? Yes, it's BATMAN!

The Caped Crusader is the only man who can free the city from the Joker's evil clutches.

With your help, Batman can save Gotham City. He is armed with special weapons and acrobatic strength to battle the Joker to end his reign of terror. Batman must travel through Gotham City, a chemical factory, tunnels and finally the old Cathedral.

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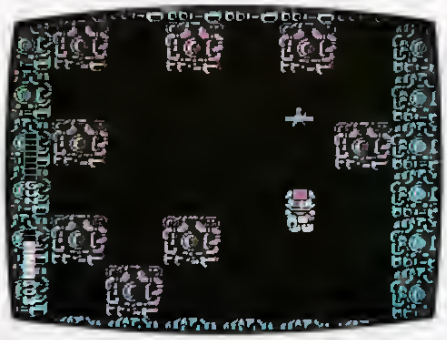
SUNSOFT® engineers designed Batman to be the most realistic home video game ever! The really cool graphics and quick action bring Batman to life in a whole new way. This totally rad game is based on the hot new Batman movie starring Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton and Kim Basinger.

Batman is definitely a must for every Nintendo home video freak. So, watch your local stores for the appearance of BATMAN!!! ■

Ask Ted & Steve

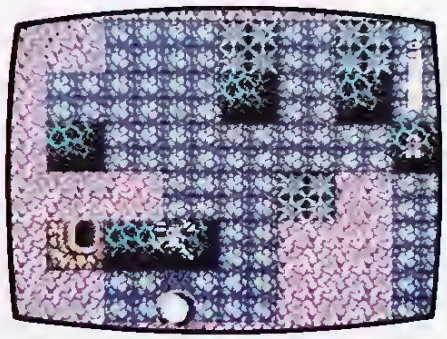
Q. In the game Blaster Master, I just can't seem to beat the third level. Could you tell me how?
Evan Barton
Sacramento, CA

A. Clear out first block in center, then step up and left to clear second block, then step to the right as blocks form against the top wall towards the upper right hand corner. Then work your way down the right side with the remaining blocks, stand next to one that is standing still (pink), when it lights up, shoot it, then repeat this pattern till they are all gone.



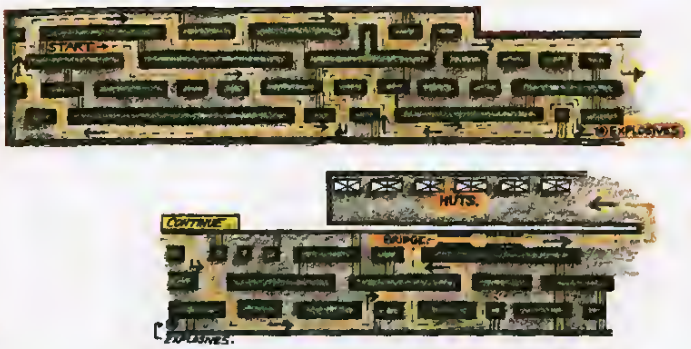
Q. Your game Blaster Master is really great, but I cannot find the last plutonium boss of Stage 8. I've tried many times and I figured I had to write.

A. To find the mutant boss in 8 you must . . . go down left, down right, down left, hover across left, down right, cross bottom to the right, down left, across left, down, across right, next room, exit vehicle and find the mutant boss. GOOD LUCK!



Q. I purchased your game Platoon two weeks ago. I still have not gotten through the first stage. I am able to locate the explosives but never the bridge.
Thomas Fonkas
New Ipswich, NH

A. Here's a map of the first stage of Platoon. Hope it helps.



Q. How do you beat the crab boss in Blaster Master?
Justin Forkuo
Worcester, MA

A. To beat the boss in level 5 you must power up the gun as much as possible, stay down at the bottom of the

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Player's Poll

▲ Name

▲ Address

▲ City, State ▲ Zip

Please indicate your answer in the appropriate box.

1. Age
   ☐ Under 6 ☐ 6-11 ☐ 12-14 ☐ 15-17 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25+
2. ☐ Male ☐ Female
3. What type of game do you enjoy the most?
   ☐ Sports ☐ Arcade ☐ Action ☐ Adventure
   ☐ Role Playing ☐ Educational
4. What Nintendo accessories do you enjoy using most?
   ☐ Power Pad ☐ Gun ☐ Joystick

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screen . . . that enables the bubbles to spread out so there are less to maneuver around and shoot out.

Q. I rarely write to manufacturers but would like you to know how much my son and I are enjoying your Blaster Master game. I have never seen such attention to detail. Are there any particular hints or secrets for this game? My son has gotten through level 5 but I have yet to pass level 4. (Congratulations to the designers and programmers for the game concept, graphics, sound and challenge of Blaster Master.)
Dr. Dennis Gaunt
Iowa City, IA

A. Here are a few tips on level 4 that should help you catch up with your son. Cross left, down and left, down and right, (you are now in the sewer system) go cross right as far as you can go without dropping down. Drop down one level, go to the left as far as you can go without dropping down, drop 2 levels, go to the right as far as you can go, (funnel area) drop down through there, go to the right, drop off the ledge, now you're at the bottom of the sewer, now go to the left until you reach an opening above you, hover up and left thru the opening, go to the left, drop off the ledge, go to the left and find the ladder. Exit the vehicle and climb the ladder to the MUTANT BOSS! Pretty easy huh? AND thank you for your compliment.

Q. In your game Blaster Master, I have discovered a new way to beat the Boss

The Great Game Time News Sweepstakes Winners

The following grand prize winner and his friend each won a Sony Portable Compact Disc Player and a Xenophobe T-shirt.

Aaron Adler	Matt Halpern
Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh, PA

Winners of Xenophobe T-shirts:

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Allen Hunt Corona, NY	Warren Watkins Corona, NY
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Mike Moreno Bethel Park, PA	Jeremy Tunco Bethel Park, PA
Brian Nardini Lansford, PA	Jess Buchala Lansford, PA
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Thomas Tolman Rockville, MD	Jimmy Ray Rockville, MD
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Willie Harrison Sumter, SC	Calvin Spires Sumter, SC
Alvin Mercer Atlanta, GA	Antonio Scott Atlanta, GA

★ Entrant ★	★ Friend ★
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Todd Hutchins Danville, IL	David Boothe Danville, IL
Travis Plume Lonedell, MO	Clayton Kossuth Cattawissa, MO

★ Entrant ★	★ Friend ★
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Carlos Gancedo Boys Ranch, TX	Jose Lamyo Boys Ranch, TX
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Dallen Bjerkness Mt. Vernon, WA	Ryan Frydenlund Mt. Vernon, WA
Brandon Mattox Sultan, WA	John Rodes Monroe, WA

Congratulations to all of the above winners and their fortunate friends!

at the end of levels two and four. First you shoot the Boss once, and as soon as you shoot, pause it. If the Boss is flashing, wait a few seconds, unpause it and the Boss will be destroyed. If the boss is not flashing after you pause it, keep trying until it does.
Bubba Blaze and friends
Blessing, TX

A. In regards to your discovery in Blaster Master, yes, we were aware that the Bosses could be destroyed using this technique. In fact, you can also destroy the Bosses in levels 6 & 7 the same way. Keep up the good work, not many players have discovered this secret yet!!!

Q. I just got the game Platoon, but I can't seem to pass the 3-D jungle. Could you give me some hints?
Marcus Stauchansky
Austin, TX

A. To pass the 3-D jungle of Platoon in the 4th stage you must . . .
1st screen . . . exit left
2nd screen . . . exit right
the next CHOICE screen . . . exit right again.

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FREEDOM FORCE™

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- ▶ Plug NES Advantage OR controller with slow motion feature in socket 1.
- ▶ Put Advantage controller on slow motion.

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2 PART XENO evil FEAR NO EVIL!

WHEN WE LAST LEFT SUBTERRANIA, JASON B. MASTERS WAS IN A HEAP O' TROUBLE!

POW!

AHG!

A CHUNK OF STELLAR MATTER IMPACTS VIOLENTLY JUST METERS FROM OUR BOY...!

DARN.

I'm NOT READY FOR THIS— REALLY.

WHAT'S WRONG, JASON— A SHIPLOAD OF BLOODTHIRSTY ALIENS A BIT TOO MUCH FOR YA?

XENO'S!

HISS

YES.

WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS THE LEADER OF THE MOST-AVOIDED RACE IN THE KNOWN GALAXY— !!

ahhh... pretty pretty shiny machine...

NO!

SLAM

YOU CAN'T BLAME JASON FOR BEING POSSESSIVE RIGHT ABOUT NOW... AFTER ALL, METAL-ATTACKER IS HIS MOST VALUABLE ASSET IN THIS WORLD OF MANY MADCAP MUTANTS.

AAIIEE!! gak.

I GET AN ATTITUDE IF I DON'T GET WHAT I WANT! GOT THAT?

I WANT IT, EARTH-DOG!

MEANWHILE...

"PERHAPS I'LL HAVE NO NEED OF MY ROBOTROOPS IF I CAN PERSUADE THESE FINE ALIEN GENTLEMEN TO EXTINGUISH LITTLE JASON, IN RETURN FOR PASSAGE TO THE SURFACE-WORLD AND ITS MANY TASTY INHABITANTS!"

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LOOK, MAYBE I CAN PERSUADE YOU TO STOP BREATHING AT ME? HUH?

HAH! LIFE IS A MATTER OF GIVE AND TAKE— GIVE ME METAL-ATTACKER AND I WON'T TAKE YOUR PUNY LIFE, STRIPLING...!!!

TUNE-IN IN 3 MONTHS, FRIENDS!

TMP

Super SUNSOFTER®

Patrick Dickerson
Eden, North Carolina

He's 14 years old, an A-Honor Roll student at Holmes Junior High and he's this issue's Super Sunsofter!

His name is Patrick Dickerson and he's from Eden, North Carolina where he lives with his one brother and two sisters (another brother is in the Army). And, of course, Patrick's a Nintendo FREAK!

"Fester's Quest and Platoon are my most favorite games," he says. "I like to do a lot of artistic things. Drawing is my most loved hobby. I also love designing games."

In addition to his creative talents, Patrick also enjoys football, baseball, basketball and track. And some of his other hobbies include stamp collecting, jogging, bicycle riding, and (of course) playing with his Nintendo game.

"Watching TV is my greatest pasttime," says Patrick, "*The Cosby Show* and *A Different World* are my two favorite shows. I'm also a computer whiz. You wouldn't believe some of the things I could make a computer do."

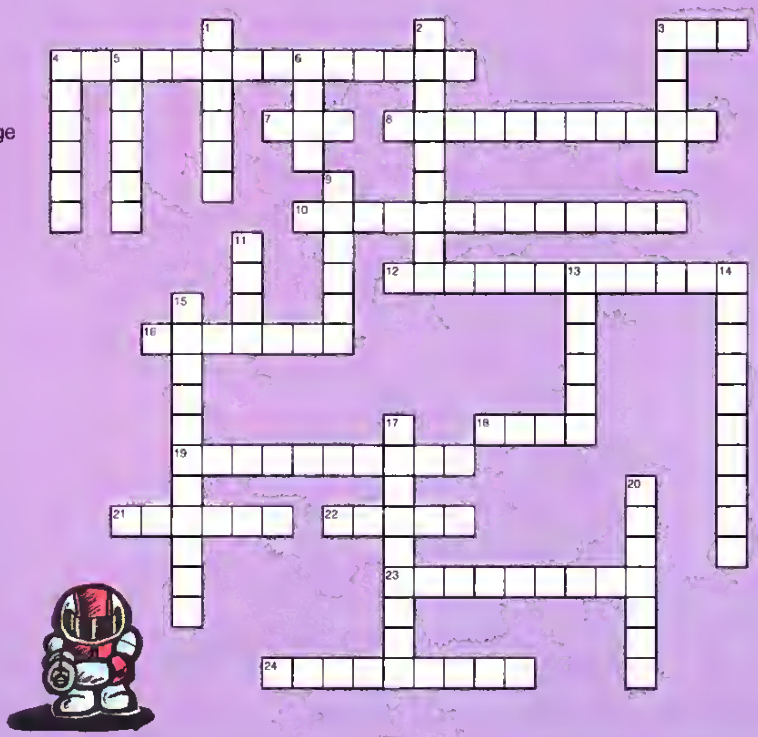
He can breakdance, too. "But, I really don't do much breakdancing anymore, because people don't seem to be as interested in it as they used to. But I still practice to keep from getting rusty. Although I don't breakdance much, I'll never forget dancing with a famous group called the New York City Breakers. My favorite music is rap. I like Salt-n-Pepa, Anquette, Kid-n-Play and a lot of others."

Write us! Tell us why YOU should be our next Super Sunsofter

C R O S S W O R D

ACROSS

3. Uncle Fester gets this from Pugsley
4. Main mission in Platoon is to eliminate him
7. One object found in the village in Platoon
8. One of the characters on Xenophobe
10. Name of final boss found in 8th stage in Blaster Master
12. New release based on the Addams Family from Sunsoft
16. Another item found in tunnel system in Platoon
18. Blaster Master's Jason's frog name
19. Where does Batman live?
21. Uncle Fester gets this from Thing
22. Batman's arch enemy
23. Uncle Fester gets this from Wednesday
24. Weapon used by Batman



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1. Joker's arch enemy
2. Name for one that fears anything alien
3. Another object found in the village in Platoon
4. Jason's vehicle's name in Blaster Master
5. Character in Freedom Force
6. Your car is able to turn into this in Spy Hunter
9. One of the items found in the tunnel system in Platoon
11. Uncle Fester gets this from Morticia
13. Baron & Max are characters in this game
14. New game to be released by Sunsoft based on actual movie footage
15. Uncle Fester powers up here
17. Who is Batman trying to save?
20. Manufacturer for the Nintendo Entertainment System "The Titleholder"

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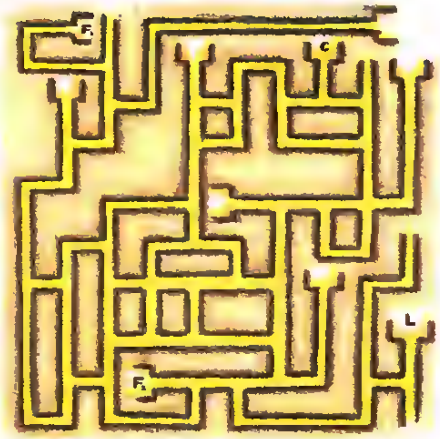
Q. I bought Platoon a few weeks ago and I would like some clues on how to win this game. I enjoy playing it very much. I can get past the 1st stage but I get stuck on the 2nd stage.
Eric Pieczkowski
Woodridge, IL

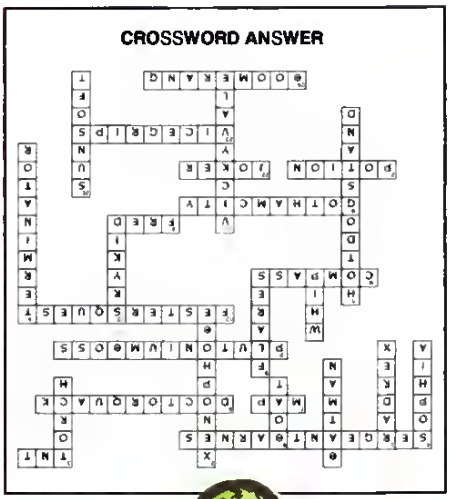
A. Here's a map of the 2nd stage of Platoon.



F_1 Flare in left drawer of desk
F_2 Flare in second box on left
C Compass in left drawer of desk
L Ladder exits to next stage

Q. I really like your new smash Platoon. It is so neat when the Bunker Stage comes up . . . it feels like you're sitting right there. I also like the Tunnel System when you try to find the flares, but I would like to know one thing When you're sitting in the bunker, what happens if you get overrun?
Brian Krieg
Duluth, MN

A. If you get overrun in the bunker . . . well, you're history. ■



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